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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re the Application of:

AGATA, Kiyonobu, et al.

Group Art Unit: **3724**

Serial No.: **10/562,684**

Examiner: **LEE, Laura Michelle**

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For: **CUTTING TOOL**

RESPONSE TO ELECTION OF SPECIES REQUIREMENT
DATED June 25, 2008

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Date: July 15, 2008

Sir:

In response to the Election of Species Requirement dated **June 25, 2008**, the applicants provisionally elect to prosecute the species embodying Species A1 (Fig. 3), and B1 (the blade edge being disposed outside the radial direction). Claim 1 read on this species. The applicants reserve the right to file divisional applications on the non-elected claims.

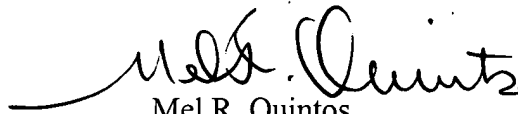
The applicants respectfully request an early examination on the elected claims and favorable action on the merits. If the Examiner has any questions with this Response, please feel free to call the undersigned at the indicated telephone number.

In the event that this paper is not timely filed, applicants hereby petition for an appropriate extension of time. The fee for any such extension may be charged to our Deposit Account No. 01-2340.

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our Deposit Account No. 01-2340.

Respectfully submitted,

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